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## Special Meeting of the MTD Board of Directors

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Board of Directors will be holding a special meeting, open to the public, on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at 550 Olive Street. The Board of Directors will be asked to authorize the General Manager to acquire through piggyback procurement 15, 40-foot, low-floor clean diesel buses from the Gillig Corporation.

In order to expedite delivery MTD would like to take advantage of a special procurement opportunity with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). At the request of the manufacturer, MTD must enter into this agreement by June 30, 2003.

Each of the buses will cost approximately \$300,000 and will replace MTD's older 1984 diesel buses, which have logged over 900,000 miles each. This new fleet of 40-foot buses will allow MTD to continue to provide its passengers with safe, clean, and comfortable transportation options.

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